

**MAY NOT CALL
ON MRS. SCHENK****Attorney O'Brien Says Testimony Not Needed.****TRUMP CARD UP SLEEVE**

Defense in Wheeling's Sensational Poisoning Case Announces Discovery of New Witness Who Will Clear Woman Accused of Feeding Arsenic to Her Husband—Jurors Ask Judge to Hasten Trial as They Are Growing Weary of Job.

Wheeling, W. Va., Jan. 21.—The most notable feature of the proceedings in the trial of Laura Schenk was the announcement made by Attorney Frank A. O'Brien of the defense that a new witness had been secured for the defense that will prove their strongest card. Attorney O'Brien stated that the securing of the new witness, who is a woman, will eliminate the necessity of placing Mrs. Schenk on the stand. It was not stated definitely, however, that Mrs. Schenk will not take the stand in her own behalf. Mr. O'Brien expressed himself as confident that the new witness will clear Mrs. Schenk. It is understood the mysterious witness is Mrs. Lasch, a friend of Mrs. Schenk.

Judge Jordan announced that night sessions would be held hereafter, the court indicating that the jurors have requested this, as they were becoming weary from their long confinement and that they were desirous of bringing the trial to an early conclusion.

The defense called Dr. George Slappy, a Pittsburgh physician, by whom they intended to prove that Elmer Zwickler, the detective nurse who testified for the state, was a confirmed morphine eater and that it is impossible for morphine eaters to tell the truth at any time. Prosecutor Handlan objected on the ground of raising a collateral issue, and the court sustained the objection. Dr. Slappy was not permitted to testify.

The defense called a number of local physicians of prominence to the stand to testify that they would not believe Dr. J. W. Myers on oath. Myers is the physician who testified for the state that he sold Mrs. Schenk an ounce of acetate of lead, and that she tried to buy Fowler's solution of arsenic from him and that he refused her.

PHONE INTERESTS CONFER**Will Have Merger Bill Ready For Legislature Next Week.**

Columbus, O., Jan. 21.—Representatives of the big independent telephone interests throughout the state have been in Columbus for the last several days conferring with Bell agents regarding the telephone merger bill planned for this session. They expect to have a merger measure introduced in the house and senate next week.

Some of the independents stated that they would accept a provision in the bill which would effectually prevent watered stocks if some other law could be passed to cover other public utilities on this point. The bill as drafted now does not touch at all on stocks, bonds or capitalization. Opponents of a merger measure say any bill would prove disastrous to the people without safeguarding capitalization.

It is believed that the Morgan interests will fight hard against any provision to prevent watered stocks. They say it would be unfair to telephone companies to limit them on this point unless other public utilities were treated in a like manner.

Representative William T. Smith of Marion, who is drawing up the taxation measure to be introduced at the suggestion of Governor Harmon, will have it ready Monday. Members of the tax commission have been working hard over these bills, and while they are not completed, they are being whittled into shape. With this bill, which will limit the tax rate to 1 per cent, and the public utility bill which Mr. Winters of Erie is drawing, nearly all of the administration measures will be in. The utilities bill will be introduced early in the week.

HAD SYSTEM OF HIS OWN**Illinois Sheriff Polled More Votes Than There Are in County.**

Danville, Ill., Jan. 21.—The vote-selling scandal has developed into a real sensation, and it is now known that summonses will be issued Monday and will include the workers for every candidate who has been before the people for the past three years.

Among those who have been elected to office during the past three years are: Judge Kimbrough, presiding judge of circuit court, who delivered the sensational charges to the grand jury on vote-selling; State's Attorney John H. Lewman, who is conducting the vote-selling investigation; Sheriff Shepard, who polled more votes at the last election than there are in the county, and Mayor Louis Platt, who was elected on a reform ticket.

George W. Perkins
Among Those Mentioned as Paul
Morton's Successor.

**NORTON TO QUIT PRESIDENT****Secretary Will Return to Private Business in Chicago.**

Washington, Jan. 21.—Charles D. Norton, who has been secretary to the president for about six months, will soon retire. This was announced by the White House in the following statement:

"The fact that Charles D. Norton, secretary to President Taft, would retire from that position in the near future and return to private business in Chicago, was disclosed in connection with the proposal to increase the salary of the secretary to the president from \$6,000 to \$10,000. It was stated in the senate subcommittee that Mr. Norton, while strongly urging the increase in connection with the reorganization of the executive staff at the White House, had declared that he would not himself be the beneficiary of the increase."

Representative Tawney of Minnesota, Representative Edwin Denby of Michigan and Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Charles D. Hillis are among those regarded as possibilities to succeed Norton.

Seek Successor to Morton.

New York, Jan. 21.—Among the men most prominently mentioned in connection with the presidency of the Equitable Life Assurance society in succession to the late Paul Morton are Gage E. Tarbell, George W. Perkins, William A. Day and Charles D. Norton, secretary to President Taft.

**AGREE ON TERMS
OF TRADE TREATY****Canada and United States Come to Understanding.**

Washington, Jan. 21.—A reciprocity agreement has been reached between the United States and Canada as a result of the conferences which have been in progress here. The basis of the agreement is the exchange of foodstuffs and agricultural products of Canada for certain manufactured commodities produced in this country. The details of the agreement will not be made public until it has been submitted to the senate and the Canadian parliament.

The negotiators were in session at the state department, and at the end of the conference it was announced that another session will be held today, at which it is expected that the agreement will be signed by Secretary of State Knox and the Right Hon. James Bryce, the British ambassador.

It is not expected that the agreement will cover a very wide range of commodities. It is said also that the agreement is such as will not provoke great opposition in congress. It was President Taft's strong desire to negotiate some kind of a reciprocity treaty with Canada, even if it were very narrow in scope. Such an agreement would serve as an opening wedge and, in the opinion of administration officials, would ultimately result in a more comprehensive convention when the people of both countries are educated to the benefits that will flow from a mutual understanding of this character.

Forty Miners Killed.

Berlin, Jan. 21.—A news dispatch from Sosnowice, Russian Poland, says that 40 miners lost their lives in a fire in the Casimir colliery, near that place. Three hundred and sixty others escaped.

WEATHER FORECAST

Ohio—Tomorrow: Cloudy and colder, with snow near the lake and brisk to high west and northwest winds.

TODAY'S CALENDAR.

Sun rises 7:14 a. m.
Sun sets 5:08 p. m.
Moon rises 12:01 a. m.
Moon sets 11:08 a. m.

**WESTERN MINERS
TO GET CHARTER****American Federation of Labor Yields Point.****AVERTS THREATENED WAR**

Refusal to Accept Metal Diggers From Western States on Equal Footing With Pick Swingers in Other Parts of Country Would Have Resulted in Withdrawal of 350,000 Members of U. M. W. of A. From Gompers' Organization—Color Line Drawn.

Columbus, O., Jan. 21.—A bulletin from Washington announced that a charter had been granted the Western Federation of Miners by the executive council of the American Federation of Labor. It will be similar to the charter of the United Mine Workers of America, giving them jurisdiction over all crafts employed in and around the mines.

This action by the executive committee of the American Federation of Labor averts the threatened secession of the United Mine Workers of America and adds to the parent body 25,000 metal miners of the Western Federation of Miners. It is regarded as a big victory for the United Mine Workers, who have been fighting for several years for a solidification of the two organizations. It will add to the strength of the coal miners of Colorado, where the organization has been battling with the operators since last April in a strike.

Miners declare that the threat of the machinists and other crafts to withdraw from the American Federation of Labor will not be carried out and that everything will be smoothed out now by the officers of the American Federation of Labor.

By an overwhelming majority the United Mine Workers of America in convention in Columbus voted to instruct the executive council of the American Federation of Labor, in session in Washington, that unless a charter is granted the Western Federation of Miners similar to the one held by the United Mine Workers, 350,000 strong, will join with the Western Federation of Miners, with 25,000 members, in a movement that will insure the unity and co-operation in action which has been sought in the American Federation of Labor. This would amount to secession.

The fight is of vital interest to the 1,500,000 trades unionists of the country. The miners are the strongest organization in point of numbers in the American Federation of Labor and the carpenters are second. Somewhat of a sensation was sprung in the convention when it was announced that the color line had been drawn by the management of the Normandy hotel, where Secretary Perry has temporary headquarters. Colored delegates said they had been asked to use the freight elevator to get up to the secretary's rooms. Secretary Perry verified this statement and said he was seeking other quarters.

Talks to Miners.

Columbus, O., Jan. 21.—"Mother" Jones, whose name and fame is known throughout the country as the friend of laborers, addressed the miners' convention this morning and was given a rousing ovation when she appeared on the stage. "Mother" Jones claims the United States as her only home and registers on the hotel registers accordingly. She is 67 years old, and her hair is as white as snow. Without husband or children, she has chosen as her family the thousands of toilers from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

PERFECT CHURCH UNION PLAN**Methodist Delegates Will Report to Conference at Chattanooga.**

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 21.—After deliberating for three days the nine delegates representing the three branches of the Methodist church, who gathered in this city to devise some plan for the union of the three branches, adjourned well satisfied and much encouraged by the results of the conference. The church leaders left for their respective homes with the announcement that they had agreed to report to the general commission on unity at Chattanooga in May. The fundamental principles the subcommittee had decided were those upon which the Methodist Episcopal churches, the Methodist Episcopal Church South and the Methodist Protestant church, might be united into one great church.

Sheehan Needs Eleven Votes.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 21.—The third joint ballot for United States senator again resulted in the failure to elect. The vote was as follows: William F. Sheehan, 60; Edward M. Shepard, 11; John D. Kernan, 4; Alton B. Parker, 3; D. Cady Herrick, 3; Martin W. Littleton, 2; James W. Gerard, 2; Martin H. Glynn, 2; Morgan J. O'Brien, 1; Simon W. Rosendale, 1; Chauncey M. Depew, 52. Total, 141; necessary for choice, 71; absent and not voted, 71; absent and paired, 6; absent and paired, 54.



J. A. D. McCurdy has announced at Atlanta, Georgia, that he will attempt an aeroplane flight from Key West, Florida, to Havana, Cuba, Saturday or Sunday, January 21 or 22. If he succeeds the trip will be one of the longest over-water flights ever made by aeroplane. The distance is about one hundred miles. McCurdy intends to use the sixty horsepower Curtiss biplane known as the "Belmont racer."

CUCKEY BREFS**Ends Life in Columbus Hotel.**

Columbus, O., Jan. 21.—Charles S. Snow of Mt. Vernon, O. former recorder of Knox county, committed suicide in a hotel here by taking morphine. His business associates could advance no reason for his act.

Two Murders at Bridgeport.

Bridgeport, O., Jan. 21.—Two murder mysteries confront the local authorities. The body of an unknown man, with head and legs severed, was fished from the Ohio river, and another unknown man was killed and robbed and his body placed on a streetcar track, where it was run over by a car.

Probers Get Down to Business.

Portsmouth, O., Jan. 21.—With its regular business now completed, the Scioto county grand jury commenced in earnest its probe into alleged bribery in the last election. A dozen precinct committeemen were waiting in the grand jury room when that body convened. Judge A. Z. Blair, who started the fruitful election probe in Adams county, is presiding.

Sibbald's Body Recovered.

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 21.—Just 10 days after he wrecked the Chamber of Commerce building the body of Charles S. Sibbald, secretary of the Early & Daniel company, one of six killed, was recovered. This is the third body recovered. Sibbald's hand was clutching a telephone receiver when found. He had been telephoning to President Lee Early when the building collapsed.

Cincinnati Ahead on Saloons.

Columbus, O., Jan. 21.—Collections of liquor taxes for the past six months show that the number of saloons in Cleveland has increased. The state treasurer forwarded a check for \$228,000 to County Treasurer Myers of Cuyahoga county, a big increase over the previous six months. Cincinnati, although considerably smaller in population, has many more saloons. It got \$234,000 for the six months just closed.

Can Not Hold Bald Eagles.

Bellfontaine, O., Jan. 21.—That it is against the Ohio law to hold bald-headed eagles in captivity was a ruling received from Attorney General Hogan by Elmer Fawcett, a Logan county farmer. Fawcett was one of the birds and the attorney general ordered its release. The big eagle was captured after a fierce fight several weeks ago. Fawcett discovered it with its talons fastened in a lamb. He asserts that he will fight the ruling in court.

Negro Suspect is Held.

Columbus, O., Jan. 21.—Awaiting identification by Clarence Stack of Chaseland, a negro is held in the jail at Ashley, a few miles north of Delaware, in connection with the murder of Mrs. Alice Griffith at Chaseland Tuesday night. Ashley authorities who had been informed of the murder and given a description of the negro suspect by the Delaware police, located the prisoner in the outskirts of the village and notified the local county authorities.

Wanted in Kentucky.

Columbus, O., Jan. 21.—A man who gave the name of W. H. Thomas of Spokane, Wash., when he registered at a hotel here, was arrested by a detective after D. O. Mossman, a banker of Wheeling, W. Va., told the hotel manager that he had recognized him on the street as a badly sought forger. At the police station he said he was W. H. Harner of Fort Wayne, Ind. Richmond (Ky.) officials notified the police that they would send for him. He is alleged to have secured \$600 on a forged note there. The man admitted he was wanted at Richmond and at other towns in Kentucky, also at Spokane, on forged checks.

A Dining Hint.

Fletcher says you should "hold your face down" when you are eating, so that your tongue will hang perpendicularly in your mouth. To do this most comfortably get down on your hands and knees when you eat, explains the Chicago Record-Herald.

There is but one virtue—the eternal sacrifice of self.—George Sand.

Mrs. Asquith
English Minister's Wife Declares
Money Is Social Stepladder.

**VIRGINIA MINE IS
SCENE OF EXPLOSION****Six Dead, Four Fatally and Seven Seriously Injured.**

Gayton Mines, Va., Jan. 21.—Six men are known to be dead, four fatally injured and seven more or less severely hurt as the result of an explosion in mine No. 1, Carbon hill, Gayton Mines. Others are still entombed. The work of clearing out the mine is under way and it is thought that more miners will be found. More than 200 men were employed in the mine and the number missing has not yet been ascertained.

The dead: Lewis Salvinsky, John Geramie, Frank Burger, Stanislaus Salvinsky, two unidentified men, known only by their numbers. Seven men were seriously injured, among them: Joseph Verdina, James Robinson, Thomas Lee, Jefferson Dettler.

The cause of the explosion is unknown. It is thought it may have been due to disregard to signals by miners.

New Orleans Wins First Round.

Washington, Jan. 20.—New Orleans won the first round of the fight for the location of the Panama exposition when the exposition committee of the house, by a vote of 9 to 6, decided in favor of it as the site for the fair to celebrate the opening of the Panama canal in 1915.

AFTER NEW PLANETS**Carnegie to Build Most Powerful Telescope in World.**

New York, Jan. 21.—The donation of an additional endowment of \$100,000 to the Carnegie Research Institution of Washington by Andrew Carnegie, the founder, was announced. This brings Mr. Carnegie's gifts to the institution up to a total of \$250,000.

Mr. Carnegie also announced that a telescope far more powerful than man has ever made is now under construction for the Mount Wilson observatory. With it he hopes to make possible the discovery of still more celestial bodies. The new telescope will have a lens of 100 inches diameter.

FIGHTING NATURE.**What One Man's Patient Effort Wrought From a Desert in France.**

In the southwest of France, between the rivers Adour and Garonne, are long stretches of pine woods, green and cool.

Where these pines now stand was a barren waste in the middle of the last century. Sun and wind with each other in making the land drier and dustier. Over the stormy bay of Biscay came winds that set up great sandstorms and sometimes buried whole villages. The whole region was one of hopelessness and despair. Fate was against it.

But finally there came a man who acknowledged fate only as something to be overcome. This man, one Bremonier, was an inspector of roads. He began fencing in the desert. He built a fence and behind it planted broom seeds. Behind the broom seeds he put seeds of the pine. The fence protected the broom seeds, and the broom grew. Then the broom in its turn afforded shelter to the delicate pine shoots.

Soon the pines spread, and their tough roots bound the sandy soil together. The first step was accomplished. Then canals were made to drain the wet parts and carry water to the dry.

Thus did one man by patient effort turn a dreary desert into a home for an industrious and healthy population. It was an instance of triumph over fate.—New York Tribune.

A Useful Remedy.

Little four-year-old Billy was visiting his neighbor, Jerry. Billy showed every evidence of a bad cold. Jerry's mother asked with grave solicitude, "Doesn't your mother give you anything for your cold, Billy?" whereupon Billy answered, feeling in all his pockets at once, "Yes, ma'am; she gives me a clean handkerchief."—Lippincott's.

**WAR BUGABOO
VISITS HOUSE****Committee Favors Two Monitor Battleships.****WILL COST \$12,800,000**

Naval Program Contemplates Total Expenditure of \$36,000,000, and Includes Two Colliers, Eight Torpedo Boat Destroyers and Four Submarines—Representatives Will Follow Recommendations of Secretary Meyer as to Battleship New York.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Uncle Sam may be in possession of the two biggest battleships in the world if congress enacts into law an amendment incorporated in the naval bill by the house committee on naval affairs. The naval building program involves a total expenditure of \$36,000,000. Of this amount \$12,800,000 is made available for two battleships "of not less than 27,000 tons each."

According to the information received by the committee, it is the purpose of the secretary of the navy under this authority to let contracts for two battleships of approximately 30,000 tons each. Others in the program include: Two colliers to cost \$1,000,000 each; eight torpedo boat destroyers, \$250,000 each; four submarines, \$500,000 each.

Of the total of \$36,000,000 allowed for new building, the expenditure of \$15,000,000 will be authorized in this year's naval budget. The remainder will be made available from time to time as it is needed, according to the progress of the work.

The house has decided to follow the recommendation of Secretary Meyer relative to the building of the battleship New York. This vessel was to have been constructed in the Brooklyn navy yard. Secretary Meyer has informed congress, however, that if the New York is built in the government yard, the limit of cost of the vessel must be increased from \$6,000,000 to \$7,000,000. The committee has consequently decided to authorize the building of the vessel under private contract.

Many Hurt in Coasting Accident.

Laconia, N. H., Jan. 21.—Eighteen boys and girls were injured in a coasting accident here when a double runner on which they were travelling at a speed of fully 60 miles an hour missed a turn in the road and crashed into a wooden fence. The sled carried away 15 feet of the fence and the maimed occupants were thrown in all directions.

CANDIDATES GROW NERVOUS**Ask Governor Glasscock to Coax Senators Home.**

Charleston, W. Va., Jan. 21.—More concerned than any other Democrats in West Virginia over the deadlock in the legislature are Clarence E. Watson and William E. Chelton, Democratic caucus nominees for the United States senate. The balloting is to begin on Tuesday, and they anticipate trouble. If Governor Glasscock should refuse to issue compromises they called upon the executive and conferred with him for some time, but neither side will disclose what occurred. It is understood that they asked him to use his influence to induce one of the Republicans to return and participate in the election. The absent Republican senators have sent their ultimatum that they will not return unless Senator Hoarn, whom the Democrats unseated, has been reinstated, and the Republicans be permitted to organize by electing the president.

MUTINEERS THROWN INTO SEA**Vessel Brings Echo of Brazilian Naval Revolt to American Port.**

Gulfport, Miss., Jan. 21.—Three hundred men who participated in the recent mutiny at Rio Janeiro were summarily executed and their bodies consigned to the sea, according to the statements made by officers of the British steamer King George, which arrived at Gulfport from South American ports.

Five war vessels of the Brazilian government and the forts of the mainland bombarded the island for a whole day, the surrender not taking place until 4 in the afternoon. The next day 300 of the captured rebels were taken out to sea on board a battleship and executed and their bodies thrown overboard.

Lawyer Erbshten Acquitted.

Chicago, Jan. 21.—Attorney Charles E. Erbshten, who has been on trial charged with bribing Juror McCutcheon in the trial of Lee O'Neill Browne, the latter being charged with bribery in the election of United States Senator William E. Lorimer, was acquitted by a jury after an hour's deliberation.

Shoots Girl and Self.

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 21.—Following a quarrel, Mattie Handias was shot and killed by Herman Enson, who afterward turned the pistol upon himself inflicting a wound from which he died in a hospital an hour later. The victims were about 30 years old.